Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A key auditing system, comprising:

a key server, that provides access to a secret key by an authorized user;

a resource server, that provides access to resources to authorized users, wherein authorization of a user is determined, at least in part, by the user's possession of the secret key;

a key server audit database;

a resource server audit database; and

a usage analyzer that analyzes the key server audit database and the resource server audit database to compare events therein;

wherein the key server maintains a protection key usable to unlock the secret key held by a user workstation and the resource server is configured to block access to a resource unless an indication of the unlocking of the secret key at the user workstation is provided.

2. (Original) The key auditing system of claim 1, wherein the resource server is an application server.

3. (Original) The key auditing system of claim 1, wherein the resource server is a transaction server.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The key auditing system of claim **1** [[4]], wherein the secret key is such that it is only accepted within a pre-determined time period.

6.   (Previously Presented) The key auditing system of claim 1, wherein events are compared according to a profile that specifies conditions under which particular keys can be used.

7.   (Previously Presented) The key auditing system of claim 6, wherein the conditions include time delay limits between when a particular key is accessed and when the particular key is used.

8.   (Previously Presented) The key auditing system of claim 6, wherein the conditions include limits on a number of times that the particular key can be used on a resource server in a given session.

9.   (Previously Presented) The key auditing system of claim 6, wherein the conditions include whether usage of the particular key would be allowed where access to the particular key is from a first network address or first location and usage of the particular key is from a second network address distinct from the first network address or from a second location distinct from the first location.

10.   (Original) The key auditing system of claim 1, wherein the usage analyzer is configured to analyze and compare audit database records in real-time.

11.   (Previously Presented) The key auditing system of claim 10, wherein the usage analyzer is configured to disable usage of a particular key in real-time response to audit database record comparisons.

12.   (Original) The key auditing system of claim 1, wherein the usage analyzer is configured as part of the key server.